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Based on July 1 crop conditions, Montana's all wheat production is expected to be 206.1 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. The area for harvest for all wheat is expected to be 5.5 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 96.8 million bushels, up 3 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield is forecast at 45.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the previous forecast as well as down 3 bushels from last year.

The first spring wheat production forecast is 95.7 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year's production. The expected yield of 33.0 bushels per acre is down 5 bushels from last year. The harvested acres are expected to total 2.9 million acres, up 170,000 acres from last year. For the week ending July 10, the spring wheat crop was 26 percent headed compared with 41 percent last year and 57 percent for the five-year average. Durum wheat production is forecast at 13.6 million bushels, down 24 percent from last year. The expected yield of 29.0 bushels per acre is down 5 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is expected to total 470,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2010.

Barley yields are expected to average 55.0 bushels per acre in 2011, 7 bushels below last year. Barley production is forecast at 37.4 million bushels compared with 38.4 million bushels last year. Growers expect to harvest 680,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from 2010. Barley crop progress is behind last year, with 22 percent headed, compared to 47 percent headed in 2010. Oat growers expect to produce 1.1 million bushels of grain, 32 percent below last year, but 14,000 bushels above the record low set in 2006. The 2011 harvested acreage is expected to be 20,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from 2010, if realized this would be the lowest harvested acreage on record. The expected yield of 56.0 bushels per acre is 5 bushels below last year's yield.

Dry edible pea producers in Montana planted 190,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from a year ago. Producers expect to harvest 180,000 acres. Austrian winter pea producers planted 10,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from 2010, and expect to harvest 8,000 acres, 1,000 acres above last year. Lentil growers planted 280,000 acres this year, up 20,000 acres from last year and expect to harvest 270,000 acres, up 23,000 acres. Montana potato producers planted 11,000 acres in 2011, 500 acres below last year and expect to harvest 10,700 acres, 600 acres below 2010. The first forecast of potato production will be on November 9, 2011.

For the United States, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion

bushels, up 3 percent from the June 1 forecast and up slightly from 2010. Based on July 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month but down 0.6 bushel from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 791 million bushels, is up 2 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 458 million bushels, is up 6 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 1 percent from last month and now totals 243 million bushels. Of this total, 11.6 million bushels are Hard White and 231 million bushels are Soft White.

U.S. durum wheat production is forecast at 63.7 million bushels, down 41 percent from 2010. The yield is forecast at 38.7 bushels per acre, down 3.7 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.65 million acres, unchanged from June, but down 35 percent from last year. Yield forecasts are down from last year in all major producing States due to flooding, excessively wet conditions, and crop development.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 551 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 41.7 bushels per acre, down 4.4 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 13.2 million acres, unchanged from June, but down 1 percent from last year.

Barley production in the U.S. for 2011 is forecast at 173 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 69.6 bushels per acre, down 3.5 bushels from last year's record high. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.48 million acres, is unchanged from previous forecast but up 1 percent from 2010.

U.S. oats production is forecast at 56.6 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record, surpassing the previous record low set last year. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield forecast at 60.5 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from 2010. Growers expect to harvest 934,000 acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 26 percent from last year. If realized, this will be smallest harvested area on record, also surpassing the previous record low set last year.

Dry edible peas planted area in the U.S. is estimated at 416,000 acres, down 45 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 398,800 acres, is 44 percent below a year ago. If realized, this will be the lowest planted and harvested acreage estimates since 2003. Austrian winter peas planted area is estimated at 19,000 acres, down 39 percent from a year ago. Area harvested is forecast at 15,000 acres, down 16 percent from 2010, down 39 percent from a year ago.

U.S. lentils planted area is estimated at 470,000 acres, down 29 percent from last

season's record high acreage. Harvested area is forecast at 455,000 acres, down 28 percent from last year.

Fall potatoes area planted in the U.S. for 2011 is estimated at 948,600 acres, up 6 percent from the 2010 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 936,100 acres, also up 6 percent from 2010. In Idaho, growers increased acreage from last year driven by strong prices. (see table on back page)

2011 Sweet Cherry Production, Utilization, and Value

Montana sweet cherry producers harvested a total of 2,470 tons in 2010, 3 percent above the 2009 production of 2,390 tons, and 58 percent above the 1,560 tons produced in 2008. Utilization of the 2010 crop totaled 2,050 tons, compared with 1,055 tons utilized in 2009 and 1,450 tons utilized in 2008. The value of production for 2010 was \$4.03 million, compared with \$1.57 million in 2009 and \$3.96 million in 2008. The average price per ton received for sweet cherries during 2010 was \$1,960, compared with \$1,490 in 2009 and \$2,730 per ton in 2008. In 2010, there were 730 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.38 tons per acre, compared with 710 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.37 tons per acre in 2009, and 710 bearing acres with an average yield of 2.20 tons per acre in 2008. There were 130 tons of unharvested production in 2010, compared with 1,200 tons unharvested in 2009 and 10 tons unharvested in 2008. In addition, there were 290 tons harvested but not sold in 2010, compared with 135 tons harvested but not sold in 2009 and 100 tons harvested but not sold in 2008.

Sweet cherry producers in the United States harvested 312,720 tons in 2010, 29 percent below the 2009 total of 442,870 tons, but 26 percent higher than the 2008 crop of 248,060 tons. Producers utilized 307,130 tons in 2010, 20 percent below the 385,625 tons utilized in 2009, but 28 percent higher than the 2008 utilized total of 240,720 tons. Value of production for the 2010 crop totaled \$721.2 million, 40 percent above the 2009 total of \$513.3 million, and 26 percent higher than the \$574.0 million in 2008. The price per ton was \$2,350 in 2010, compared with \$1,330 in 2009 and \$2,390 in 2008. In 2010, there were 88,030 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.55 tons per acre, compared with 85,310 bearing acres and an average yield per acre of 5.19 tons in 2009, and 82,610 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.00 tons per acre in 2008. There were 1,600 tons of unharvested production in 2010, compared with 51,230 tons unharvested in 2009 and 3,940 tons unharvested in 2008. In addition, there were 3,990 tons harvested but not sold in 2010, compared with 6,015 tons harvested but not sold in 2009, and 3,400 tons harvested but not sold in 2008.

July 1, 2011 Crop Acreage: Montana and U.S.

Crop	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2010	2011 1/	2010	2011 1/	2010	2011 1/	2010	2011 1/
Montana		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	2,050.0	2,300.0	1,950.0	2,150.0	48.0	45.0	93,600	96,750
Durum Wheat	Bu	540.0	480.0	530.0	470.0	34.0	29.0	18,020	13,630
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,850.0	3,000.0	2,730.0	2,900.0	38.0	33.0	103,740	95,700
All Wheat	Bu	5,440.0	5,780.0	5,210.0	5,520.0	41.3	37.3	215,360	206,080
Barley	Bu	760.0	780.0	620.0	680.0	62.0	55.0	38,440	37,400
Oats	Bu	65.0	50.0	27.0	20.0	61.0	56.0	1,647	1,120
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	80.0	75.0	34.0	36.0	135.0	6/	4,590	3/
Sugar Beets	Ton	42.6	44.8	42.5	44.7	29.5	3/	1,254	3/
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	11.5	11.0	11.3	10.7	325	5/	3,673	5/
Dry Beans	Cwt	18.8	18.0	17.7	16.0	20.3	3/	359	3/
Dry Peas	Cwt	220.0	190.0	207.0	180.0	20.0	5/	4,140	5/
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	16.0	10.0	7.0	8.0	15.7	5/	110	5/
Lentils	Cwt	260.0	280.0	247.0	270.0	13.6	5/	3,359	5/
Canola	Lbs	17.5	38.0	17.4	37.0	17.3	4/	30,102	4/
Flaxseed	Bu	15.0	21.0	15.0	20.0	17.0	6/	255	6/
Mustard	Lbs	16.5	9.0	16.0	8.5	800.0	6/	12,800	6/
Safflower	Lbs	28.0	13.0	27.0	12.5	850	6/	22,950	6/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	1,950.0	1,950.0	2.3	3/	4,485	3/
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	900.0	800.0	1.8	3/	1,620	3/
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,850.0	2,750.0	2.14	3/	6,105	3/
United States		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	37,335.0	41,108.0	31,749.0	32,307.0	46.8	46.2	1,485,236	1,491,739
Durum Wheat	Bu	2,570.0	1,698.0	2,529.0	1,647.0	42.4	38.7	107,180	63,720
Spring Wheat	Bu	13,698.0	13,627.0	13,359.0	13,220.0	46.1	41.7	615,975	550,660
All Wheat	Bu	53,603.0	56,433.0	47,637.0	47,174.0	46.4	44.6	2,208,391	2,106,119
Barley	Bu	2,872.0	2,815.0	2,465.0	2,480.0	73.1	69.6	180,268	172,658
Oats	Bu	3,138.0	2,587.0	1,263.0	934.0	64.3	60.5	81,190	56,551
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	88,192.0	92,282.0	81,446.0	84,888.0	152.8	3/	12,446,865	3/
Sugar Beets	Ton	1,171.4	1,237.5	1,155.7	1,196.9	27.6	3/	31,901	3/
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	893.7	948.6	881.3	936.1	409	5/	360,727	5/
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,911.4	1,258.0	1,842.7	1,207.2	1,726.0	3/	31,801	3/
Dry Peas	Cwt	756.0	416.0	711.4	398.8	20.0	5/	14,221	5/
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	31.2	19.0	17.9	15.0	16.7	5/	237	5/
Lentils	Cwt	658.0	470.0	634.0	455.0	13.7	5/	8,657	5/
Canola	Lbs	1,448.8	1,142.8	1,431.0	1,121.4	1,713.0	4/	2,450,947	4/
Flaxseed	Bu	421.0	229.0	418.0	224.0	21.7	6/	9,056	6/
Mustard	Lbs	50.5	26.0	48.1	24.8	870.0	6/	41,861	6/
Safflower	Lbs	175.0	137.5	167.7	131.5	1,320.0	6/	221,335	6/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	19,956.0	19,329.0	3.40	3/	67,903	3/
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	3/	77,653	3/
All Hay	Ton	--	--	59,862.0	57,605.0	2.43	3/	145,556	3/
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